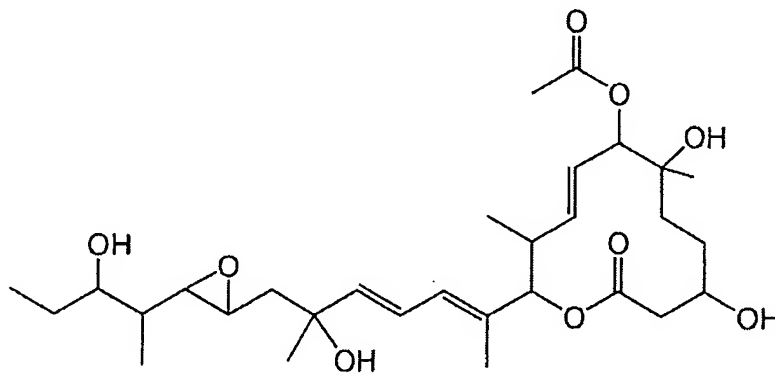


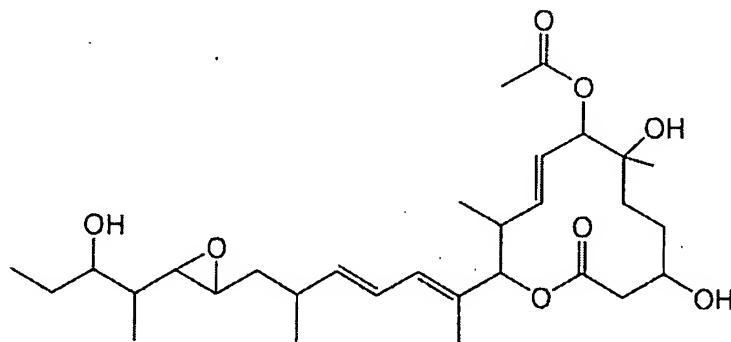
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method of producing the macrolide compound 11107D represented by the formula (II):



(II)

wherein the macrolide compound 11107D is produced from the macrolide compound 11107B represented by the formula (I):



(I)

by a biological transformation method, which comprises providing the macrolide compound 11107B represented by formula (I) and then conducting the following processes (A) to (C):

(A) mixing the macrolide compound 11107B represented by the formula (I) with a strain having an ability of conducting the above-mentioned biological transformation method and

belonging to the genus *Mortierella*, the genus *Streptomyces* or the family *Micromonosporaceae* or a preparation of its cultured mycelia;

(B) incubating the mixture obtained in the step (A); and

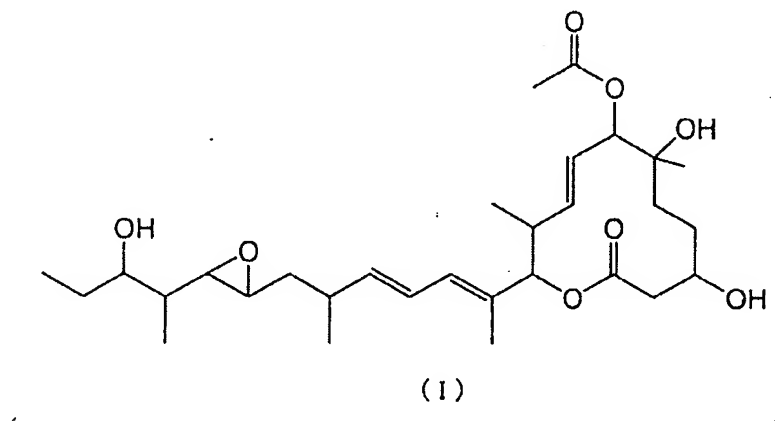
(C) collecting the macrolide compound 11107D represented by the formula (II) from the incubated solution obtained in the step (B).

2. (withdrawn) The production method according to claim 1, wherein the strain belonging to the genus *Mortierella* is *Mortierella* sp. F-1529 strain (FERM BP-8547) or F-1530 strain (FERM BP-8548).

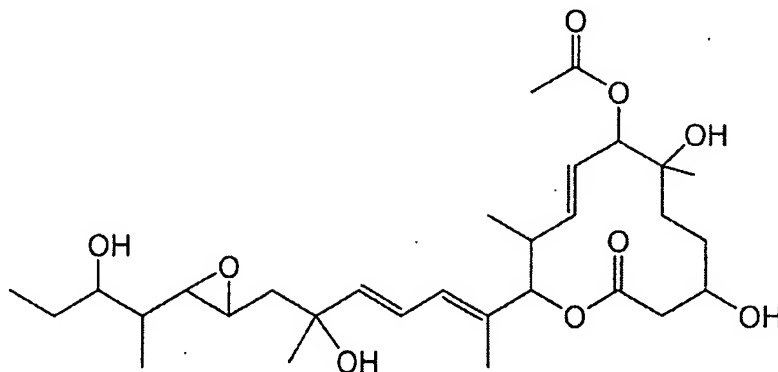
3. (original) The production method according to claim 1, wherein the strain belonging to the genus *Streptomyces* is *Streptomyces* sp. AB-1704 strain (FERM BP-8551), A-1544 strain (FERM BP-8446) or A-1545 strain (FERM BP-8447).

4. (withdrawn) The production method according to claim 1, wherein the strain belonging to the family *Micromonosporaceae* is AB-1896 strain (FERM BP-8550).

5. (currently amended) An isolated or purified culture of *Streptomyces* sp. AB-1704 strain (FERM BP-8551) having the ability of transforming the macrolide compound 11107B represented by the above formula (I)



into the macrolide compound 11107D represented by the above formula (II)



6. (withdrawn) An isolated or purified culture of *Mortierella* sp. F-1529 strain (FERM BP-8547) or F-1530 strain (FERM BP-8548) having the ability of transforming the macrolide compound 11107B represented by the above formula (I) into the macrolide compound 11107D represented by the above formula (II).

7. (withdrawn) An isolated or purified culture of AB-1896 strain (FERM BP-8550) having the ability of transforming the macrolide compound 11107B represented by the above formula (I) into the macrolide compound 11107D represented by the above formula (II).